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FOREWORD

The studies contained in this volume were prepared at the request of the President's Air Policy Commission. The Commission desired to ascertain the salient features of civil air policy as they obtain in a selected group of eleven countries, presenting the widest possible range of political, economic and geographic backgrounds.

In order to maintain uniformity in preparation, the information was collected on the basis of a questionnaire, of which a copy is bound at the end of the volume. The questionnaire may be opened at the side of the volume and used concurrently in examining the individual reports. It has been accordingly unnecessary to repeat the individual questions in the body of the reports. Omission in any report of an item included in the questionnaire indicates that the question was inapplicable to the respective country or that satisfactory information is unavailable.

Other agencies have assisted Central Intelligence Agency in the collection of this data. The Department of State obtained reports from the Air Attaches and other US representatives in the respective foreign capitals. The Office of the Director of Intelligence, USAF, assumed primary responsibility for the collection of data on civil aviation in the USSR. The Library of Congress prepared a thorough report on civil aviation in pre-war Germany.

Central Intelligence Agency has supplemented this data with additional information available from other sources. The opinions expressed in this study therefore do not necessarily reflect the views of agencies other than Central Intelligence Agency.

A general analysis of the survey has been prepared by Central Intelligence Agency and placed as the first document in this volume. It gives an estimate of the significance of civil aviation outside the US from political, economic and strategic points of view.

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